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1 — Chairman of TCEQ tells Congress EPA's Clean Power Plan a loser for Texas, Dallas Morning News, 9/11/2015

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2015/09/chairman-of-tecq-tells-congress-epas-clean-power-plan-a-loser-for-texas.html/>

When President Obama announced the final rules for his new Clean Power Plan in July, we pressed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality pretty hard about whether the Texas agency charged with protecting the state's air was going to accept or fight the new rules.

2 — Mine site cleanup work suspended, Denver Post, 9/13/2015

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28803460/mine-site-cleanup-work-suspended

Site investigations and some cleanup work at 10 polluted mining complexes in four states were suspended because of conditions similar to those that led to a massive wastewater blowout from an inactive Colorado gold mine, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said.

3 — Colorado Mine Spill Highlights Superfund Challenges, Wall Street Journal, 9/11/2015

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/colorado-mine-spill-highlights-superfund-challenges-1442005828?tesla=y&mod=vocus>

The Colorado mine spill that sent three million gallons of toxic sludge into a river last month highlighted the struggles of the federal Superfund program to clean up contaminated mining sites across the American West.

4 — Environmental Protection Agency releases notification plan, Alamogordo (NM) Daily News, 9/12/15

http://www.alamogordonews.com/alamogordo-news/ci_28804910/environmental-protection-agency-releases-notification-plan

The Environmental Protection Agency released documents earlier this week that outline how the agency plans to alert communities downstream in case the Gold King Mine outside Silverton, Colo., experiences another spill.

5 — Gas Flaring Does More Than Light Up the Skies, KUNM, 9/12/2015

<http://kunm.org/post/gas-flaring-does-more-light-skies#stream/0>

Away from any cities or streetlights, the nights here at Chaco Culture National Historic Park are dark. Looking up, it takes a little longer than usual to spot even the most familiar constellations. That's because there are so many more stars visible across Orion's shoulders or surrounding Gemini's twins.

6 — Training simulator errors contributed to Christmas River Bend reactor problems, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/11/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/training_simulator_errors_cont.html#incart_river

An improperly programmed training simulator at Entergy's River Bend nuclear power plant in St. Francisville contributed to the errors made by operators attempting to respond to an emergency shutdown of the plant's nuclear reactor on Christmas Day 2014, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Friday (Sept. 11).

7 — 'Swimmable, Drinkable, Fishable Water' theme of Tar Creek Conference, Miami (OK) News-Record, 9/11/2015

http://www.miamiok.com/news/article_f20d359d-2025-5f88-8ad2-d1b731ee8129.html

LEAD Agency's 17th National Environmental Tar Creek Conference will be held Sept. 29-30 at the Coleman Theater in downtown Miami. The theme: "Swimmable, Drinkable, Fishable Water" has not yet been achieved due in part from the environmental impacts of the Tri-State Lead and Zinc Mining District.

8 – Keystone Pipeline segment still waiting for approval 7 years later, Tulsa World, 9/10/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/johnstancavage/john-stancavage-keystone-pipeline-segment-still-waiting-for-approval-years/article_81ba8743-76e7-5990-addb-e596aee16dd.html

If you are a supporter of the unbuilt northern section of the Keystone XL Pipeline, at this point you're probably wondering who broke the mirror.

9 — WRA backs San Juan agreement (opinion), Albuquerque Journal, 9/13/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/643278/opinion/wra-backs-san-juan-agreement.html>

You have probably read about a recent agreement to resolve issues around San Juan Generating Station. This agreement has been submitted to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission for approval, and has the support of Public Service Company of New Mexico, consumer, business and environmental advocates, including the organization I represent, Western Resource Advocates. I would like to explain WRA's support.

10 — How will Sanderson Farms affect St. Pauls? (opinion), Fayetteville (AR) Observer, 9/9/2015

http://www.fayobserver.com/opinion/local_columns/christine-ellis-how-will-sanderson-farms-affect-st-pauls/article_1133a640-ba3a-557a-85a2-55465ebb272d.html

So far, no environmental study has been conducted to evaluate the impacts of the Sanderson Farms chicken slaughterhouse proposed to be located near St. Pauls in Robeson County. Wouldn't you want to know what effect the project could have on you, your family and your quality of life? I certainly do.

11 — Editorial: EPA water rule is another overreach on private rights, Albuquerque Journal, 9/12/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/643003/opinion/epa-water-rule-is-another-overreach-on-private-rights.html>

The U.S. EPA is going upstream with its regulatory power – way upstream. It implemented a new rule in August that it says clarifies which small streams, tributaries and wetlands should be protected from pollution and development under the 1972 Clean Water Act. On the surface, it sounds good, but it goes much deeper.

12 — Ascension Parish Council seeks private group to create regional sewer system that would fulfill promise to voters, Baton Rouge Advocate, 9/12/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13423058-123/ascension-parish-council-seeks-private>

The Ascension Parish Council is expected to recommend late this year what team of engineers and financiers should design, build and operate a \$300 million to \$500 million regional sewer system in a partnership with the parish that would last for the next three decades.

13 — Public Service Co. of Oklahoma plans to add solar capacity, increase its use of wind power, The Oklahoman, 9/12/2015

<http://newsok.com/public-service-co.-of-oklahoma-plans-to-add-solar-capacity-increase-its-use-of-wind-power/article/5445986>

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma expects to add up to 200 megawatts of solar capacity and bolster its wind offerings, according to a planning document outlined before regulators Thursday.

14 — GOP gropes for way to kill climate rule, The Hill, 9/12/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/253456-gop-gropes-for-way-to-kill-climate-rule>

Republicans and industry groups are intensifying their search for a way to beat back President Obama's new climate rule for power plants. When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its finalized Clean Power Plan in early August, it added a new sense of urgency to opponents' efforts to stop it.

15 — Week ahead: EPA under fire for mine waste spill, The Hill, 9/14/2015

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/253428-week-ahead-epa-under-fire-for-mine-waste-spill>

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy is appearing at three Capitol Hill hearings to answer questions about the mine waste spill in Colorado that her agency has taken responsibility for.

16 — Jean Lafitte photo exhibit studies vanishing landscape, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/14/2015

http://blog.nola.com/westbank/2015/09/jean_lafitte_lefort_photo_exhi.html#incart_river

Photographer Lane Lefort grew up in Westwego, and he spent time on the grounds of Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve long before it was ever a national park.